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The Southern California DX Club Newsletter est. 1947



*"If you need him get
in there and work
him"*

The Southern California DX Club is a group of dedicated men and women active in the amateur radio community who enjoy communicating over the air with other radio amateurs around the world.

The SCDXC strongly supports the DX Code of Conduct. Please visit their website:

www.dx-code.org

The newsletter is published every month and is released to its members about the first of each month. Amateur and DX related letters, news and pictures are welcome and will be published as time and space permit.

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Any questions regarding this newsletter or its articles should be addressed to the editor, Bill:

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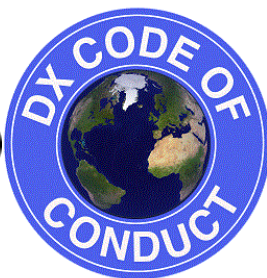
Meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month at 7:30 PM except April, June and December.

Please check the club web site for events and details at:

<http://www.scdxc.org>

If you are in the area please say hello on our repeater:

W6AM/R145.48,(-) 100Hz PL



NCDXF Platinum Contributor

Next Meeting

Ham Radio on YouTube

John Schroeder, N6QQ

**October 10th 7:30 PM
At WEMS**

A Visit with Martti, OH2BH

Joe's Tale of Adventure in OH land

Sardines, Wine and a Radio

My Mini DXpedition

By Don Minkoff, NK6A

2014 Slate

Slate Proposed by the 2013 Board

Holiday Party

Luminarias December 8

Clipperton Award & DXer of the Year

Get Your Paper Work In!

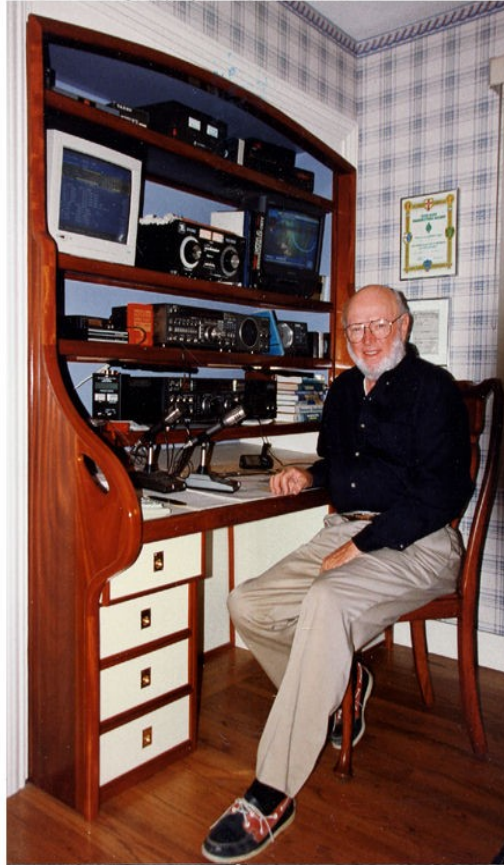
Robert Block, K6LX SK

**Making friends all over the world using the magic of Amateur Radio.
Sponsors of the International DX Convention, since 1949**

ROBERT BLOCK K6LX Silent Key

It was brought to our attention that Robert Block, an SCDXC member recently passed away. Robert retired from Northrop. He and his wife were corporate lawyers. They moved to Santa Barbara and set up a modest station. The KT34XA, FT1000D, and an amplifier served him well chasing DX. Robert also was active with regional nets.

Our condolences go out to his wife and family.



NAUTICAL HAMSHACK

Your Journal Editor recently asked for members to send in some good photographs that could be used on the cover. Among my suggestions were interesting hamshacks. Robert Block K6LX responded to my plea with photographs his magnificent hamshack. How it came to be is detailed below.

A local furniture maker is the grandson of a well known merry-go-round maker of the past. He still makes gorgeous animals (near full size, one-offs) for some customers who want a carousel animal for decoration. While admiring one of his reindeer on display at the local museum a few years ago, I asked him if he could make up something I always dreamed about: a nautical ham station.

Result: a transformation of a double closet in a small bedroom into a radio ham shack over a nautical chart table used for planning sailing cruises.

Submitted by Robert Block K6LX - E-mail: k6lx@arrl.net

Photography: Chuck Place of Place Photography, Santa Barbara, CA (placephotography.com)

Design: David Dentzel of Dentzel Furniture Design, Santa Barbara CA (dentzeldesigns.com)

2014 PROPOSED SLATE

The board convened on September 14th and formulated the following slate.

President	Wayne Spring	W6IRD
Vice President	George Jacob	N6VNI
Secretary	Kris Jacob	KC6TOD
Treasurer	Cathy Gardenias*	K6VC
Membership	Mel Hughes	K6SY
Director	Ernie Nairne	N6HY
Director	John Schroeder*	N6QQ
Director	Open	

* Conditionally accepted if no one else runs & other issue do not prohibit them.

There are many who have served on the board for an extended period. They are willing to serve again **rather than see the club go out of existence**. We really need other members to step up and take a position. There are appointed positions that are also open. Please consider running. Submit your nomination to our secretary, Kris Jacob, KC6TOD, kc6tod@scdxc.org.

Get Your DXer of the Year Nominations In Soon!
Submit Your Clipperton Award Logs Now!
Remember the Patch Competition!



Merry Christmas

Happy Hanukah



Luminarias Restaurant in Monterey Park

DECEMBER 8, 2013

12:00 PM to 4 PM (Sunday Brunch)

Please Come and join us, meet new and old friends

Directions [Click Here](#)

Cut Here and return to address below

Registration Form Due December 1st

Name: _____ Callsign: _____

Name: _____ Callsign: _____

Guest: YL or Friend

Name: _____ Callsign: _____

Guest: YL or Friend

Payment: \$35.00 per person: \$35.00 x _____ Total \$: _____

Make checks payable to SCDXC

Please remit this form with payment to: Cathy Gardenias K6VC

20902 Gardenias St.

Perris, CA 92570

THE PREZ SEZ

Ernie Nairne, N6HY,
President – SCDXC
n6hy@scdxc.org

Hello DXers!

All nomination letters for **DXer of the Year** must be in by December 31, 2013. The deadline for the **Clipperton Award** for the rookie of the year is the same deadline, December 31, 2013.

Please make plans now for the **Holiday Party** see our web site.

November is election of club officers. We need a few good people for club officers

On the DX side the news is the bands are still producing DX even with the low sun spots number. On 40 meters in the morning there are long path openings to ZS1, ZS2, and ZS6. On 17 meters JY4 on RTTY, f8boj on SSB, SM7ALC on CW, UX0ZA on CW. At night the 40 meters band is open to 7X4, EA3, and most of Europe. Check out 30 meters for openings to Europe as well.

73, and Good DXing!
Ernie Nairne, N6HY
President SCDXC



Treasurer's Report

Club financial information is available on request. Contact the treasurer.

Officer Guidelines

The revised version of the Officers Guidelines is available on our website. See the hyperlink below.

Code of Conduct

SCDXC endorses the **DX Code of Conduct**



DX Club Meeting August 2013



New DXer Resources

New DXers Handbook

http://www.udxa.org/attachments/148_New_DXers_Handbook.pdf



VICE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Wayne Spring, W6IRD,
Vice President – SCDXC
W6IRD@scdxc.org

From the VP's Shack

Last meeting was the Anchor's Away auction. If you missed it, you missed another good one. This time there were a lot of quality items. The club did very well with their portion. Skip, KJ6Y, did another fantastic job as auctioneer, and Jeff, K6JW, handled the computer for all participants and all money transactions. George, N6VNI, assisted with the ins and outs of the cash. Thanks, guys, for a job well done. Sharon, K6IRD, is still trying to explain to me about her purchase of coax and phone patch. I was just happy that she didn't buy anything that I brought to sell (as she has done before.)

The holiday party is scheduled for December 8th. If you haven't started designing your patch submittal for next year's Visalia Convention, better get started. As you know, voting for the winner will be held at the year-end party. As a reminder, this year the party will be held at Luminarias Restaurant in Monterey Park. Luminarias is a sister restaurant of Orange Hill, The Reef, and Proud Bird.

The SCDXC board met Saturday, Sept. 14th at the home of George and Kris Jacob. The report will be provided elsewhere. Many thanks to the Jacobs for again hosting this meeting. A reminder that submission for the "Clipperton" award is almost due. Details are in the club Bylaws.

Sharon and I will not be attending the October meeting. She and I will be celebrating our 50th wedding anniversary with a tour of England, Scotland, Ireland, and Wales. We understand if you will not be thinking of us, because we certainly will not be thinking of you – hi!

See you at the November meeting!

73, and Good DXing!
Wayne, Spring, W6IRD
Vice President SCDXC



HOLIDAY PARTY 2012

DXer of The Year

Congratulations
Arnie N6HC!

Clipperton Award

Congratulations
Carolyn KE6BUH!

New Members

Please welcome new members:

Clay Davis
AB9A

Carolyn Jacob
KE6BUH

Wild Bill Wiederhold
WB6BFG

Chip Angle
N6CA

Paul Carreiro
N6EV

Jim Curio
KI6FGV

Beckie Kendrick
KK6FJQ

John Oppen
KJ6HZ

Jerry Carter
W6JAC

Jim Bridge
K7LA

Tom Ryan
N6NPG

Richard Somers
W6NSV

Jim Forsyth
AF6O

Jim Pope
KG0PP

Dan Domondon
WA6URY

N6RRY
Greg Martens

Margaret Angle
N6SNA

Ellen Utschig
N6UWW

Make sure you meet and greet them at the next meeting!

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Editors Editorial

Bill Kendrick, N6RV,
Editor – SCDXC BULLEtin
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Hello Everybody!



After careful consideration I have decided to discontinue my position as newsletter editor and publisher at the end of this year. I leave it to the 2014 board to find a suitable replacement. I will pass as much information and experience to the future editor as desired.

I hope the next editor will enjoy doing this task as much as I have. Thanks for all the encouragement and positive comments.

73, Bill, N6RV
Editor, SCDXC
SCDXC 2012 President
Director SCDXC 2013 Board



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CONTESTS

**John Schroeder, N6QQ,
Director – Southern California DX Club
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Hello DX Contesters!

I have found October the best month for DXing and Contesting. Looking back over the last several years, October always comes out on top.

I still say October, 2011 was the top of this sun-spot cycle. Lets see what 2013 will bring in the way of DX.

October Contests:

Oceania DX Contest SSB - Oct. 6 - This a chance to see if 10 meters opens up.

10-10 International Day Sprint - Oct 10 -- Maybe some action ??

Makrothen RTTY Contest - Oct 12-13 -- this one shows lots of action each year.

Oceania DX Contest CW - Oct 12-13

The biggest DX contest of the year:

CQ World Wide DX Contest SSB - Oct 26-27 -- If you are looking for band fillers or new countries - this is the one.

To check out what might be during the contest, go to this site: <http://ng3k.com/Misc/cqs2013.html>

If you like 17 and 12 meters - this is the weekend to get on - most of the contest stations will be on the main 5 bands, Leaving 17 and 12 open.

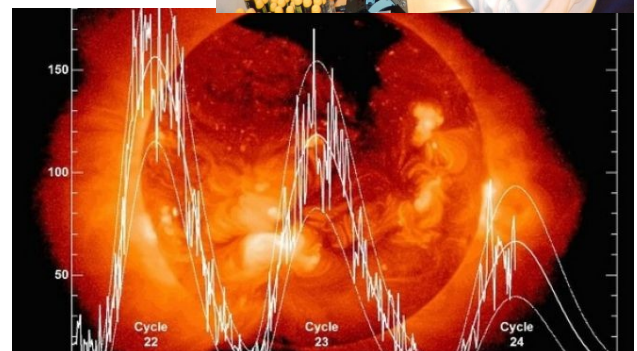
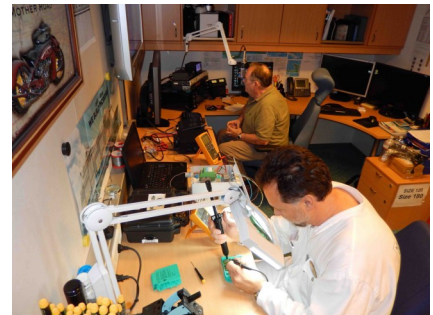
Here is an article on low sunspots you might find interesting.

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/home/science/Solar-activity-drops-to-100-year-low-puzzling-scientists/articleshow/22719807.cms>

Enjoy the Month of October!

See you at the October meeting.

73, John, N6QQ
ARRL and CQ Awards QSL Checker
Past President SCDXC - 2011
www.scdxc.org
<http://www.qrz.com/db/N6QQ>



RUMORS ON THE BAND

A plethora of announcements, rumors, and serious DX fun

Well September had its moments! Right now the WAE DX Phone contest is underway. It looks like participation is critically low! Hopefully the fall season will produce bands with ample DX.

That said there is certainly a lot going on in October. Look for many DX operations including **K9W**, **3D2GC/p**, **TN2MS**, **A52YY**, **CY0P**, and **XR0ZR**. Also the CQWW SSB Contest is on at the end of the month.

With all the contests in October even a casual DXer should work DXCC during this period. Try it! You might like it!

Blue Information indicate particularly rare entities and **Red information** indicate SCDXC member attended DXpedition. As always you have to turn on your radio to work them.

Useful DX Sites

The Daily DX

www.dailydx.com/

Announced DX Ops

www.ng3k.com/misc/adxo.html

DX Coffee

<http://www.dxcffee.com/enq/>

DXing.info

<http://www.dxing.info/dxpeditons/>

DX 425 News

www.425dxn.org/dxped/

Dx-info.de

www.dx-info.de

DX Italia DX News

www.marioi2mcp.it

DH9SB Weekly DX Calendar

<http://www.dx-info.de>

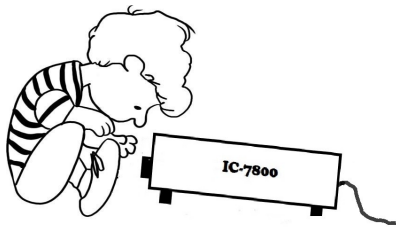
N0HR DXpedition Map

www.n0hr.com/wk34/

The DX Zone

www.dxzone.com/catalog/DX_Resources/

Call	QTH	Start Date	End Date	Information	
FR/DJ7RJ	Reunion	Now	10/2/2013	160-10m, CW SSB	
JW8DW	Svalbard	Now	10/3/2013	LA8DW, 80-10m, CW, SSB, RTTY	http://la8dw.com/Svalbard%202011/home.html
EA6/SP2QCW	Balearic I.	Now	10/6/2013		
3D2GC/p	Rotuma	Now	10/11/2013	LZ1GC (3D2GC/p), LZ2HM (3D2RA), f& 3D2DD/p, HF, CW SSB	http://3d2gc.com/
5X1NH	Uganda	Now	11/16/2013	G3RWF	
CY0P	Sable Isl.	10/1/2013	10/11/2013	VE1RGB, WA4DAN, AI5P, 160-10m, CW, SSB, RTTY	http://www.cy0dxpedition.com/
9N2YY	Nepal	10/2/2013	10/5/2013	OH2YY, 20-10m; SSB	
TX5D	Austral I.	10/2/2013	10/14/2013	KZ1W N7QT 80-10m, CW, SSB, RTTY, PSK	
TO2TT	Mayotte	10/3/2013	10/17/2013	I2YSB, IK2CIO, IK2CKR, IK2DIA, IK2HKT, JA3USA, IZ2AXF, 160-6m	http://www.i2ysb.com/joomla5/
H44MS	Solomon I.	10/3/2013	11/26/2013	DL2GAC	
A52YY	Bhutan	10/6/2013	10/10/2013	OH2YY, 20-10m, SSB	
K9W	Wake I.	10/7/2013	10/18/2013	US Team, 160-6m CW, SSB, RTTY	http://www.wake2013.org/
XR0ZR	Juan Fernandez	10/8/2013	11/20/2013	Eu Team, 160-6m, CW, SSB, RTTY	http://www.juanfernandez2013.com/
TN2MS	Congo	10/12/2013	10/24/2013	PA3A, PD1AEG, PA8AD, PA8AN, 160-10m, SSB, CW, RTTY	http://www.tn2ms.nl/
C82DX	Mozambique	10/15/2013	10/22/2013	N1DG, N4XP, CT1EEB, DJ9ZB, I8NHJ, N6MZ, WB4JTT, W6OAT, ZS6EZ, ZS6P, ZS6R,; 160-10m, CW, SSB, RTTY	http://c82dx.com/
9L	Sierra Leone	10/16/2013	10/21/2013	N4WDT, K4ZIN, 160-10m	
D44TXT	Cape Verde	10/19/2013	11/7/2013	DL7AFS, DJ7ZG, 80-6m, SSB, RTTY, PSK31	
6V7S	Senegal	10/22/2013	11/27/2013	RK4FF	
JD1BOI	Ogasawara I.	10/25/2013	11/3/2013	160-6m, SSB, CW, RTTY	-
SW5CC	Dodecanese	10/23/2013	10/31/2013	CQWW SSB	http://m5ric.co.uk/



Get Schroeder!

LET'S GET SCHROEDER CONTEST

John has been surpassed by Jim, NS6C. Their combined entity count puts him ahead by 5. Rick, W6ENZ, is neck and neck with John. Never fear! John excels in contests and the DX contest season is just beginning!

It still looks like everyone is making a serious effort to better their count. It is real interesting to see the three members with the exact same combined count of 229.

Note the number at the top left. That is the number of entities worked by all the stations listed. The number to the right of that is what John missed out of that pile. It goes to show that even the best are not perfect... just near perfect!

Remember only club members can compete. There are two hams who linked their logs with SCDXC on ClubLog but are not on the club roster so they were omitted from the fun! We really want you back in the club!

The spreadsheet is available by email contact me at the address below and I will send it to you! n6rv@scdxc.org

Those who are in chase remember to send in your count. Include your personal number worked and the combined number from the top of the "Both" column.

THE DAILY DX CHALLENGE

Due to a lack of interest the Daily DX Challenge has been terminated.

Get Schroeder Standings to Date		
Call	Alone	+ QQ
Combined	266	18
NS6C	244	253
N6QQ	249	249
W6ENZ	220	249
WA5VGI	220	242
N6RV	200	241
WB6BFG	224	240
K6FG	157	239
W8DX	181	234
KR6C	159	231
AC6DX	149	231
N6GP	144	230
N6VNI	182	229
N6HY	153	229
K6YUI	131	229
ZL3TE	139	228
K0OK	159	226
K7MY	113	225
NK6A	95	224

DX ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Celebrate the Successes of Our Fellow Members!

We had only two updates this month.

<u>Call</u>	<u>DXCC</u>	<u>WAZ</u>
W6ENZ	347 / 338	312 / 195
W6WVW	203 / 201	

SCDXC WAZ and DXCC Standings (N6RV)

The first WAZ column is the confirmed zone count on 10 bands 160 - 6 (less 60 meters). The second column is the regular 5BWAZ confirmed count. The following are the codes that follow the two columns and indicate the awards:

M	Mixed
P	Phone
C	CW
R	RTTY
5	5 Band

The first DXCC column is the confirmed entity count with deleted countries. The second column is the confirmed current entity count. Those in **tan** are at the top of the current honor roll.

If you have any information to post please go to the on-line webform and update your standing:

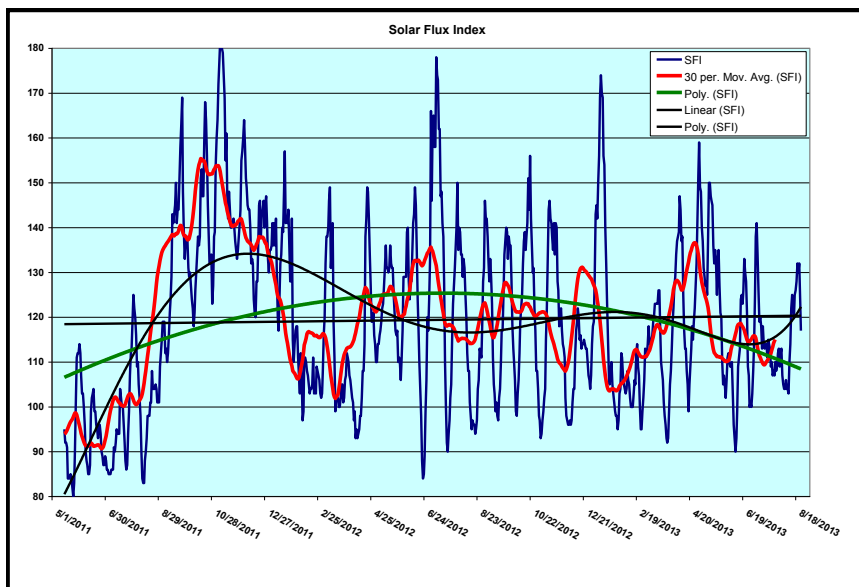
<http://www.scdxc.org/dx-update.html>

WAZ STANDINGS

	<u>10B / 5B</u>	<u>Awards</u>
K6ND	378 / 200	M/5
W6SR	369 / 200	M/P/C//5
K6FG	363 / 197	M/P/C/R/5
EU7A	360 / 200	M/5
WA5VGI	357 / 200	M/P/C/5
W8DX	357 / 200	M/5
N6AW	355 / 200	M/P/C/5
K6YUI	349 / 192	M/P/C/R/5
K6YRA	290 / 200	P/5
W6BCQ	277 / 200	M/P/5
WD6L	248 / 200	M/P/5
N6OU	220 / 200	M/5
K6UNR	/ 200	M/P/5
W6VX	352 / 199	
NS6C	198 / 198	
K6GXD	358 / 198	M
SM5GMZ	345 / 196	M/P/C
AI6Z	315 / 193	
W6ENZ	307 / 193	
N6MXU	155 / 193	
K2PLF	191 / 191	
N6RV	302 / 187	M/P/C
KC6X	294 / 187	M/P/C/5
N6QQ	325 / 186	M/P/C/R
K6LD	314 / 186	M/P/C
W6YOO	308 / 185	M/P/C/5
KH6DX/m	210 / 184	
K0OK	286 / 173	
K6SY	246 / 173	P
W6ZPL	237 / 173	M/P
KJ6Y	261 / 172	
KR6C	295 / 171	M/C
AD6KQ	226 / 164	
N6DHz	214 / 160	P
K6KII	191 / 177	M
KH6MB	181 / 174	
SM5GMZ	265 / 166	M/5
W6DR	227 / 159	
NK6A	152 / 152	M/5
W6NRQ	180 / 147	M/P
WA6BOB	152 / 136	M
W6IRD	151 / 111	M/P
W5DQ	161 / 122	
K6IRD	154 / 126	M/P
WB6PSY	139 / 140	P
KT6LA	132 / 103	
N6HE	130 / 138	
W3SE	102 / 112	
K6IRA	118 / 102	
K6VC	96 / 96	P
W6EA	92 / 86	
N6UC	78 / 78	M
KA6TTV	82 / 67	
N6VNI	86 / 64	
N6RRY	85 / 65	
N6GIL	49 / 43	
W6DCK	40 / 40	P
K6JW	40 / 40	M/P
K6YR	39 / 39	
W6DOE	37 / 37	
NZ6L	36 / 36	
W4EF	29 /	
N6AWD		M
N6HC		M/P/C
KB6KTV		P
W6OES		M
K8RD		C

DXCC STANDINGS

K6KII	387 / 340
JA1BK	377 / 338
K6YRA	376 / 340
K6EXO	370 / 338
N6UC	367 / 340
W6BCQ	365 / 340
K6YUI	365 / 340
K6IPV	362 / 340
NS6C	360 / 340
W6HT	358 / 338
W6SR	358 / 340
WA6WZO	357 / 340
K8RD	356 / 340
K5KT	355 / 340
N6AW	355 / 337
K6FG	355 / 340
K6GXD	355 / 340
K2PLF	354 / 340
N6RV	354 / 338
W6DX	353 / 340
W6IRD	352 / 336
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W6DCK	342 / 336
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K6UNR	341 / 337
KB6KTV	340 / 335
N6MG	339 / 331
N6OU	338 / 330
SM5GMZ	337 / 329
N6HY	333 / 329
K2IXQ	333 / 329
AD6KQ	328 / 328
KM6HB	332 / 327
KJ6Y	327 / 323
W6FL	318 / 305
W6ZPL	317 / 317
K6SY	312 / 310
K0OK	306 / 304
W6HB	303 / 295
N6MXU	301 / 297
N6GP	299 / 294
WD6L	295 / 295
K6JW	295 / 290
NK6A	295 / 270
N6DHz	288 / 284
K6IRA	286 / 286
W6NRQ	285 / 281
W6DR	282 / 278
WA6WXD	275 / 272
K6DJ	274 / 272
K7MY	272 / 270
N7CQQ	268 / 266
K6VC	267 / 264
K6IRD	260 / 250
N6WIN	258 / 253
KT6LA	256 / 254
K6YR	244 / 244
W3SE	240 / 237
K6HCJ	235 / 235
W5DQ	225 / 220
N6VNI	223 / 223
KN6VF	223 / 223
ZL3TE	222 / 220
W6DOE	212 / 210
K6LX	204 / 204
WA6BOB	202 / 198
W6WVW	194 / 192
N6HE	192 / 185
N6RI	189 / 180
W6EA	152 / 152
KA6TTV	149 / 149
K6OGO	142 / 142
W4EF	132 / 132
WA6NOL	127 / 130
N6CA	131 / 131*
WB6PJC	120 / 120
N6RRY	74 / 74
NZ6L	27 / 27



A VISIT WITH MARTTI LANE OH2BH

By Joe Locascio, K5KT

The idea of visiting the "Baltic's" / Scandinavia has always appealed to me. It was certainly on my 'bucket list'. So, after visiting nearly 20 countries (DX entities) in western Europe, it seemed about time to get there. Things fell into place when we (Marian and I) decided to go back to the Netherlands (Holland / PA) and take a return cruise from Amsterdam this past June.



The Cruise we chose was a 12 day "Baltic" cruise (Germany, Sweden, Finland, Russia, Estonia, Denmark) leaving Amsterdam on 1 June, returning there on 12 June. We then decided to drive around 'Holland' and Belgium for another 3 weeks, including visiting several of Marian's relatives there, some she had never met, some of whom we had.

As usual for us, we plan our summer vacations well in advance and we are rather detailed and complete. So, way back in the late summer / early fall of last year (2012), we began planning our trip. I usually set the start date close to when Marian gets out of her school job (actually Librarian / Professor at Los Angeles Harbor College).... and set the end date based on flights to/from our destinations--and whether 'upgrades' are available (important for the long flights). With that set, we planned a pretty comprehensive vacation over nearly five weeks in Europe. When I realized that we'd be stopping in Helsinki, I immediately thought of our long time friend and world renowned DXer / DXpeditioner, Martti Lane, OH2BH. I sent Martti an email way back in Sept 2012 asking that since we were planning on being in Helsinki in early June (of 2013) whether he might be available for a visit and lunch the single day of our cruise ship stop. He answered that we sure like to plan FAR in advance; and I replied that I knew he was quite a busy person and wanted to suggest a visit with him early to get on his 'calendar'. He replied further that he thought he would be and looked forward to our visit.

Anyway, jumping way forward to the start of our trip, we left in time to stay over one night in Amsterdam to reduce the jet lag of such a long flight (through Chicago). It worked very well and after having breakfast the morning of 1 June, we got to the cruise ship terminal by the local tram and a short walk to begin the boarding of the cruise ship Celebrity Constellation - what a beauty it is too. We got upgraded to a nicer cabin with a very nice balcony too.. WOW.. very, very nice!

After stops in northern Germany (Wannemunde / Rostock area) and Stockholm, we docked in Helsinki. As we left the ship, there was Martti to meet us and show us around his beautiful city and country.

By the way, he had just returned from a trip to the Azores (CT2 (old) / CU (now)) earlier in the week. His vehicle of choice is a Volvo with ample room and more. (I didn't realize that his choice would also influence the replacement of my now totaled '01 Cadillac Eldorado with a '12 VOLVO C70.)





After driving around Helsinki for a bit, we stopped at a local market adjacent to the water. Parking was sparse, but, Martti found a great spot and we walked around viewing many local items including tasting one of the local delicacies (sort of like deep fried minnows - I don't recall their name)! After that we viewed several local sights including one that was VERY popular, with over half a dozen LARGE touring busses (most probably from our ship). Driving up in his car and parking among the many large tour busses made us feel VERY special - people were eyeing us and wondering just WHO we were to rate such special treatment - THANKS Martti!!!!

After this very popular local attraction (Sibelius Monument), we also went to the church of the rock, Temppeliaukio Church, which is Martti's own church and where his son was married recently as well. After a nice, unrushed visit to the unique, impressive church, Martti drove us out into the countryside.

He has two spots there in Finland; one where he spends the most time - his home on the outskirts of Helsinki with a single tower and SteppIR antenna; and his 'special' place, a cabin in the woods with THREE large towers with big antennas and his main operating Radio station. On the way to his place, we stopped at a quaint local cafe for a bite to eat. It was quite a nice place where, of course, he was well known by the owner and others. After a nice lunch, we went on to his cabin - over an hours drive from Helsinki. We passed one large tower installation on the way to his. Then we got to his place.





WOW..... The pictures show largely why he is heard so well when he is on the air from there! I'll let the pictures speak for themselves.... they explain the BIG signal that Martti has from there and remotely, sometimes, from his home. His other operations and stations around the world clearly show his hand in their installation and performance as well! It was all VERY nice as was his impressive Yaesu station of FT-5000's that he can and often does control remotely from his main QTH within the city limits of Helsinki and other places as well. We then went back toward Helsinki, stopping at his main QTH for a short visit with his lovely wife, Leena. Even though that QTH seems to also be in the country, with easy water access to the Sea, it is really a suburb of Helsinki!! Both places are VERY nice and both have one of the Finns favorite pass times -- a family sauna. Martti told us that the sauna is a passionate and important presence in most Finnish homes!

We then motored back to Helsinki and to the Constellation in plenty of time to avoid being left behind! It was a thoroughly interesting and enjoyable visit with an old friend in his beloved and beautiful country. He was also impressed with Marian's knowledge of Finland (not so much with mine... she IS a Librarian, after all, and she reads quite widely too). Guess I'll have to brush up on OH-land history and other facts for our next visit with each other -- this coming April's DX Convention in Visalia. He's indicated already his plan to attend.

The next stop was St Petersburg, Russia and a two-day guided tour of their tourist high points; but, rest assured we got FAR more background and other desirable information in the few hours with Martti than we did in the two days of 'scripted' info in St Pete and other places we visited.

THANKS Martti for a MOST enjoyable visit!!

(Thanks Joe and Martti for a great article... ed)



Sardines, Wine and a Radio

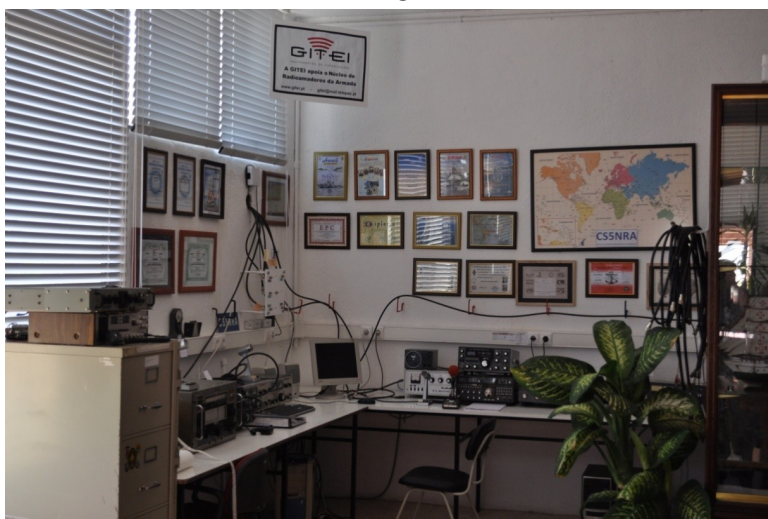
My Mini DXpedition

By Don Minkoff, NK6A

My first trip to Europe and I knew that I had to integrate radio into our vacation. Ham radio vacation or vacation with radio? The radio would have to be secondary to satisfy all that I wanted to see and do and satisfy my XYL--a first priority.

I always take a small QRP type radio with me when I go on vacation. I enjoy operating outside the shack with minimal equipment. I was taking the Elecraft KX3 with me on this trip. The ability to run all bands, modes, SSB and CW plus run a whopping high power of 12W sealed the deal. My destination was Portugal. A CEPT country made it easy to operate. I would be CT7/NK6A. I had made a few contacts over the last year with two Hams in Portugal; David, CT1DRB and Marq, CT1BWW. David met us at our hotel in Lisbon and took my wife and me out to see his side of the Tejo River. We visited a historic frigate (1843,) which also had a modern radio on board, and later visited a Navy base with a radio club, CS5NRA. David is in the Portuguese Air Force but is also vice-president of the Navy radio club.

The station consists of a number of older rigs (1970s Yaesu plus a newer Yaesu FT950.



There is a room devoted to old radios and test equipment. A few examples:



Old scopes, Collins and Hallicrafters radios at the ready



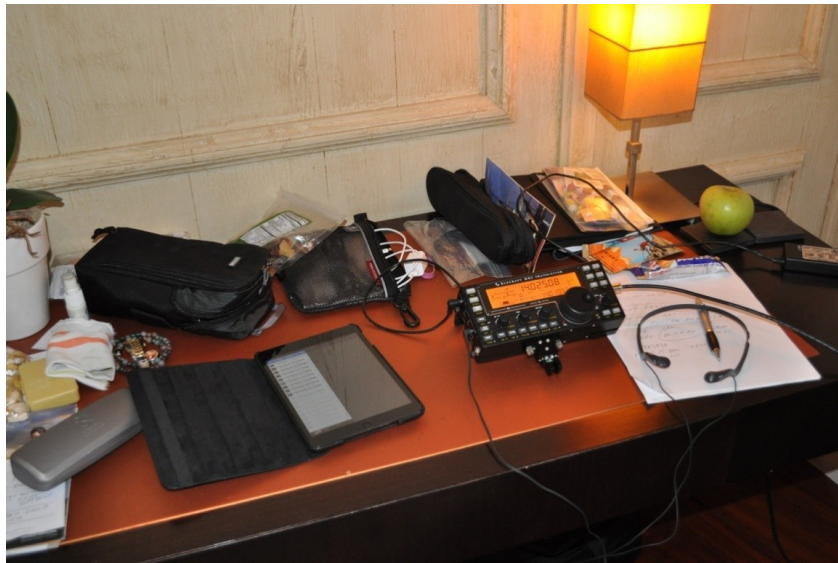
A rooftop antenna farm with a stunning view completes the station.



Two additional antennas were on the roof ready for installation.

My portable operating on vacation was a bit of a challenge. Where to operate and when? I try to pick a room with an opening to a balcony. I was in luck. 5th floor. Not ideal but enough room to put up my vertical and give it a try. The three radials, reduced to only one counterpoise, was stretched out inside the room. A very quiet location for a hotel.

I made four Q's from the balcony antenna with buildings all around running 10W. Casual operating. PA, F, G3, and a 9A special event station.



My Heritage Hotel Liberdade 5th floor QTH for 5 days.

Next stop for another five days was Porto. A wonderful B&B right on the river Douro. The view from my window was fantastic. The window opened up but was not suitable for mounting an antenna. Also, too many people below.



I found a nearby park with a few benches that would do just fine for operating. One concern I had was that a police station was right across the street, but I was never bothered. My XYL went shopping and I got on the air.

My operating position on a park bench. Antenna was behind me on the grass. I used a 13.3V LifePo battery for power. Once again I had no noise and great propagation.



My shack in a pack

My next operating position was the crown jewel of operating. We were booked into a small Villa o in the middle of the wine growing area of Portugal. We had our own small cottage off the pool and isolated from everyone else. I had both an outdoor operating position and indoor for evenings. Not a great location because of the surrounding mountains, but the views were outstanding.

Italy, Israel, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Scotland, England, The Netherlands were just a few of the many Q's I had from here.

Touring, drinking wine and eating took up a lot of radio time, but the radio was secondary to this vacation. Traveling with a portable rig and meeting new friends via our wonderful hobby make traveling that much better. One of my goals on this trip was to activate a new SOTA summit that was nearby. The heat (38 c) and the windy roads caused me to cancel.



Outdoor operating position for CT7/NK6A running 12W from my KX3



HFp antenna in front of cottage



Chanceleiros QTH for five days

After 16 days and 27 Q's, many bottles of wine and way too much food, I packed everything up and we headed home. The antenna and coax were packed in my suitcase while the radio and battery were in my carry-on. I had no issues with security at any of the airports.



Wine and Port plus radio makes for a memorable mini DX vacation

SPURIOUS OUTPUTS

Comments, Announcements, and Interesting Tidbits Submitted by Members

Birthdays

Here are the October birthdays! Many happy returns and may you have many more!

N6CA	Chip	K6KSY	Doris	N6RI	David	KH6VZ	Mary
KA6D	Morton	K5KT	Joe	K6RIY	Jay	WA6WXD	Andy
W6FL	Howard	W6OES	Karl	KF6RNX	Irene	KJ6Y	Skip
N6HY	Ernie	N6OPR	Bob	N6NH	Rick	W6YLZ	Miguel
K2IXQ	Peter	N6QQ	John	N6UOZ	Mark	W6YOO	Harry
W6KK	Charlie						

News from HS0ZIA (N6RV)

Hi it was HS0ZKX, E20HHK and I manning the keyboard for the WAE DX CW contest and we made 1664 QSOs, finishing #1 in Asia so far on the 3830 rumor site. The QTC thing was fun and added some interest to the contest, which was open to EU for maybe 40 hours from here. We also enjoyed a visit on Sunday by a dozen HS hams who had just taken or were volunteer examiners for the US FCC tests here. Believe it or not it is easier for a Thai national to get a US ham license here than it is for them to get an HS ticket. I applaud Thailand for insisting on Morse code proficiency for an HF license here though. Anyway it was great fun to see lots of enthusiastic hams checking out the big stack and watching the contest; reminded me of W6AM open house days when I was a kid...

And speaking of Morse code proficiency OZ1FJB sent along a link to a CW practice website that sends call signs, groups etc. at a starting speed you select then as you get solid copy slowly increases the speed until you miss then backs off one WPM etc.- <http://lcwo.net/> A really great site - thanks Lars.

The next contest is the AA phone Sep 7-8. We are still ranked #1 on the 3830 site for the CW version. Until we can repair the guy ring I really don't want to be spinning it all over the place but would be OK with occasional turns between NA and EU. The rest we will have to try with the vertical, and also be further handicapped by lack of 75m privileges. But if there is enough enthusiasm for this one I will ask the BOD of the local radio club if we can use HS5AC as a contest call sign since prefixes are the multiplier and it would be fun to put a local prefix on IMO...

The following weekend Sep 14-15 is the WAE phone so the rotor is no factor although again we will have no 75m. If anyone wants to operate either of these contests please let me know ASAP.

Official results - we finished the Oceania SSB ranked #1, the CQ WW CW #7, the CQ WW SSB #13 and the ARRL DX CW #4, in Asia. Somehow my Oceania CW log didn't make it. Our strategy for getting the #1 certificate for HS - competing in categories no one else is - has worked brilliantly so far!

The 21m tower sections are on site and the base is under construction, although the heavy rains have made things difficult. WX permitting we might have the 4 band yagi ready for the CQ WW in Oct, especially welcome if the ring has not been repaired by then. I have located some aluminum tube in Bangkok and have ordered enough material to make high (center is approximately 6 wavelengths above ground level) 7/7 and low (center is approximately 1.5 wavelengths above ground level) 4/4/4 yagi stacks on the rotating tower for the 6m band in anticipation of HS hams being authorized 50 MHz in the near future. We met with a building contractor for the shack who turned out to be HS5LOO, and he is reviewing the plans. We can't do anything until the rains end in Oct....

73 Bob

BATTLESHIP IOWA NEEDS HELP

The Battleship Iowa Group is looking for people with expertise in repairing the ships communication gear, especially TTY repair and maintenance. They hope to reactivate the TTY repair shop. Repair experience with the URT-23C transmitters and R-1051G receivers would also add much to the restoration effort.

If anyone has this expertise or knows someone who is willing to help please go to the Pacific Battleship Center volunteer center at the site below or contact Gary KK6ALA or Doug W6HB through the same site.

<http://www.pacificbattleship.com/page/volunteer>

ZM90DX PRESS RELEASE #1

After World War 1 and with the banishment of radio amateurs to the supposedly "useless shorter wavelengths" an amazing period of radio exploration took place. Amateurs all over the globe soon learned that far from being useless these wavelengths seem to allow communication over long distances. Amateurs in ZL were at the forefront of this activity with the first ZL to VK QSO in April 1923, and then world record distance QSOs between ZL and Argentina in May 1924, ZL and California in September 1924, ZL and Connecticut on the US east coast just weeks later, and the ultimate Z4AA Frank Bell's QSO with Cecil Goyder G2SZ in London on 18 October 1924.

To commemorate the 90th anniversary of the record breaking activities of these early pioneers of Amateur Radio, ZM90DX will be on the air between 1 October 2013 and 31 October 2014 on all bands 1.8 MHz to 1.2 GHz and beyond in all modes. Activated by the Kiwi DX Group, an informal group of DXers and contest enthusiasts, ZM90DX will be used around New Zealand and a special commemorative QSL card will be available as well as an award program for contacts with ZL during this period.

Not only will ZM90DX be active at expected times and on expected bands, but in the spirit of those early pioneers the ZM90DX operators will also be calling CQ on bands and in directions one may not necessarily expect with the intention of exploring the boundaries of radio propagation.

This will be an unparalleled opportunity for Amateurs all over the world to work ZL while celebrating the exploits of those early trail blazers whose work paved the way for radio communications as we know it today.

Further details can be found on <http://www.zm90dx.com>

Note: "Please remember this is a ZL based activity NOT ZL9 Campbell & Auckland Islands".

ENSURE your logging software logs ZM90DX correctly as ZL and NOT ZL9, Auckland / Campbell Islands.
To update the Country File for your logging software please visit: <http://www.countryfiles.com>

(Thanks Wes for forwarding this info. See you in the contests!)

2014 INTERNATIONAL DX CONVENTION

A Great Time with Great Friends



The Convention is On!

There was no convention committee meeting since the last BULLETin.

The new venue brings many challenges. In addition to this the committee is addressing every issue brought up by last years attendees. Finally, the committee is also making adjustments to last years convention to cut costs and keep the event in the black. The cost of the items that were cut rivaled what SCDXC made in 2012. In other words the Visalia Convention Center has the potential of costing more than what is taken in. The goal is to produce the best convention without raising the registration fee. The solid direction of the two co-chairs is what stands between financial success or loss. We will make this the best event ever and everyone is working hard towards a successful convention. Next meeting: 9/28, 10:00 AM at WEMS.

Here are some of the issues addressed at this kick-off meeting:

1. Thursday night non-ham mixer at the Marriott following Bubba's BBQ / Dinner.
2. Various outside venues for non-ham companions (Casino, Outlets, Downtown).
3. IOTA / Contest / Top Band Dinners will negotiate their own rooms.
4. Ticket Drum in Exhibitor hall.
5. Tables and chairs in the Exhibitor Hall set up for people to socialize.
6. Possibly put tables and chairs in main hall for people to socialize.
7. Clear hallways to ease congestion.
8. NCDXF and YASME rooms.
9. Registration begins 11:00 AM Friday.
10. Two program tracks on Saturday.
11. Modify the mandatory convention attendee / staff / vendor badges.
12. Larger prize budget.
13. See if center can modify the access to the WiFi so vendors do not drop off.
14. Banquet Room and Exhibitor Rooms will be swapped. Less walking distance.
15. Single entrance for banquet room.
16. One entre plus vegetarian and vegan dishes. Reduces cost and service time.
17. A/V system including a back up wired microphone.
18. Table preset with salads, bread, water, coffee, and tea.
19. Large number signs and table list on table plus large layout sign at entrance.
20. Ample signs and directions to facilitate convention venue and banquet seating.
21. Friday / Sunday hosted bars beer, wine, and soft drinks with drink tickets.
22. No Host Bar set up for mixed drinks.
23. Chairs for people to sit during the mixers.



2014 INTERNATIONAL DX CONVENTION PATCH DESIGN CONTEST



The 2014 IDXC Patch Design Contest has officially begun!

The rules are simple. Email your submissions to Don in AVI or Photoshop (.PDD) formats (n6ic@arrl.net) by the end of November. That gives him enough time to put together the candidate display for the December Holiday Party. He will present the patches to the Holiday Party attendees and they will vote for the winner.

Please keep the number of colors down to four or less. This reduces complexity and production costs.

The winner receives a free convention registration!

CQ introduces full-color 'DX World Guide'

CQ Communications, Inc., today announced the publication of the third edition of the DX World Guide, by Franz Lagner, DJ9ZB. This 384-page DX'ers guidebook is the first edition using color throughout and the first to be entirely in English.

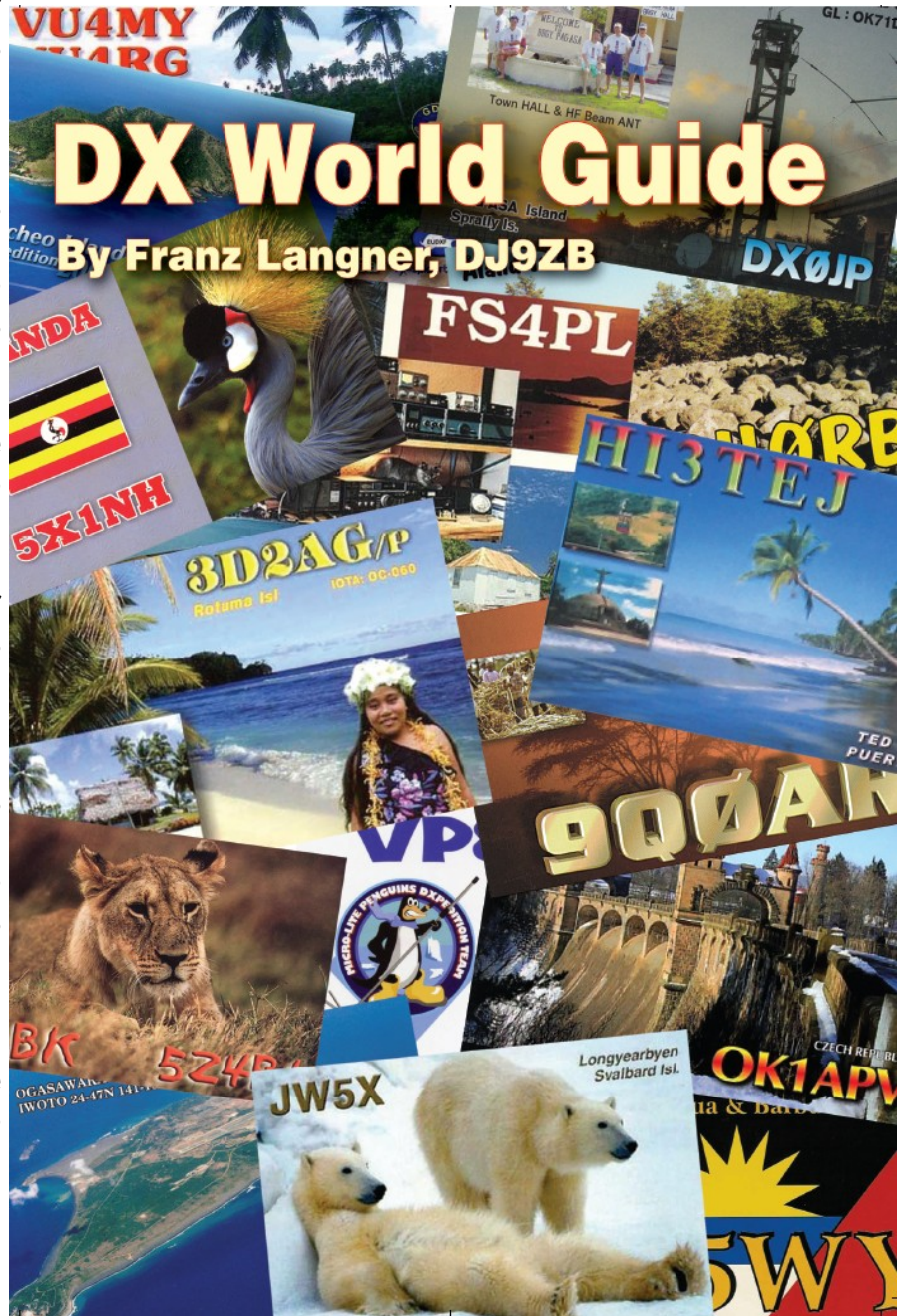
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Thursday, October 17th, 2013 – 6pm

Thursday, November 21st, 2013 6pm

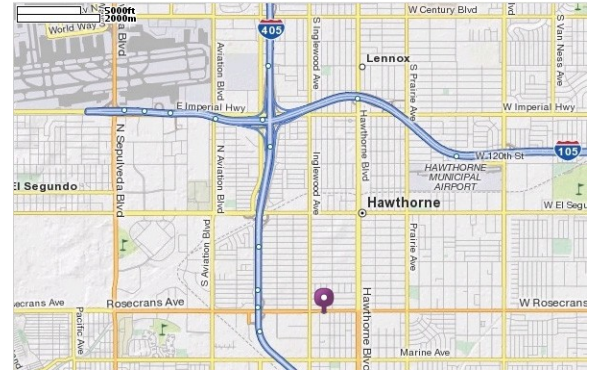
SCDXC Meeting Location

SCDXC Meets at WEMS Inc. on Rosecrans in Hawthorne. It is very close to the 405 Freeway however the entrance can be missed. The major landmark is the tower with the SteppIR antenna on top.

The driving directions to WEMS, Inc are as follows:

The address is: [4650 West Rosecrans Avenue, Hawthorne, CA. \(South side of street\)](#)

1. Coming South on the I-405 take the second Rosecrans (Rosecrans East) off ramp. At the bottom of the off ramp turn right and proceed to the next traffic light and turn right again on to Rosecrans Avenue. Go under the freeway and proceed East on Rosecrans past Inglewood Avenue. Go 1-1/2 blocks past Inglewood Avenue and make a right turn into the driveway between a one story building and a two story building with a tower and SteppIR antenna. Drive past the gate and park in any open parking space. We will be meeting in the one story building you just drove past. If you get to traffic light East of Inglewood avenue turn around and go back. Look for the antenna.
2. Coming North on the I-405 take the first Rosecrans off ramp (Rosecrans East) and turn right at the bottom of the off ramp onto Rosecrans Avenue. Go 1-1/2 blocks past Inglewood Avenue and make a right turn into the driveway between a one story building and a two story building with a tower and SteppIR antenna. Drive past the gate and park in any open parking space. We will be meeting in the one story building you just drove past. If you get to traffic light East of Inglewood avenue turn around and go back. Look for the antenna
3. Coming West on CA-91 merge on to I-110 South and then North onto the I-405. Once you are Northbound on the I-405 follow the directions in #2 above.
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5. If you live in the South Bay or Palos Verdes you are on your own.
6. If you would like to try Metro Light Rail, see Mel Hughes for information. WEMS is an easy walk from a Metro Green Line Station, or we can arrange a ride from the station to WEMS.



Pre-Club Meeting Dinner

Club members and visitors often meet before the meeting and enjoy a meal. Lately many of us have been going to #1 Buffet at 14418 Hawthorne Blvd, Lawndale, CA 90260, (310) 644-4007. The restaurant is just South and East of WEMS. Another group meets at the Denny's on the corner of Inglewood Avenue and Rosecrans Avenue. This is stones throw West of WEMS. For those interested in fine dining some of the best restaurants in the South Bay are located on Rosecrans just West between the 405 and Sepulveda (PCH). The Manhattan Beach area is a target rich food environment!



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